

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5801

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: GFED, ETRD, JA  
SUBJECT: SG INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ENDANGERED  
SPECIES ACT - ALLIGATOR SKIN PURCHASES BY JAPANESE FIRMS

REF: (A) TATE 33691; (B) BREER-FEATHERSTONE TELECON,  
28 FEB 1978; (C) 77 TOKYO 12116

1. EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO  
DISPATCH OF INVESTIGATOR TO JAPAN TO LOOK INTO TRADE  
IN ALLIGATOR SKINS. FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHILE STILL  
CONCERNED THAT ITS PRIOR PERMISSION BE OBTAINED IN  
SUCH CASES, IS SATISFIED THAT NO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES  
RESULTED AND PLANS NO FURTHER ACTION.

2. IF U.S. CUSTOMS OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WISHES  
TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, EMBASSY URGES INVESTIGATORS  
TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED FOR ITC VISITS IN  
REFTEL C, WHICH APPLY TO OTHER INVESTIGATORY MISSIONS  
TO TOKYO.  
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